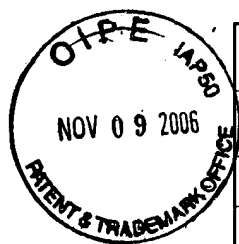


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Application No. 10/787,388-Conf. #4797		Filing Date February 24, 2004		Examiner C. Cao	
				Art Unit 2115	
Applicant(s): Terng LAI					
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDICATING USE STATE OF SATA EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE					
<b>MS Amendment</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 15, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the Drawings; and**

**Remarks.**